



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

#### 2011 and 2012

#### SB3746

Introduced 2/10/2012, by Sen. Wm. Sam McCann

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/126 new  
20 ILCS 3305/17.2 new  
30 ILCS 105/5.811 new  
625 ILCS 5/3-699 new

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act to designate the third Thursday in May of each year as Volunteer Emergency Responder Appreciation Day. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide for the issuance of Illinois volunteer emergency responder license plates. Provides that the applicant shall pay an additional fee of \$25 for original issuance of the plates, of which \$10 shall be deposited into the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that an additional fee of \$16 shall be charged for each renewal, of which \$14 shall be deposited into the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Charges the Illinois Terrorism Task Force with additional duties that include managing and distributing moneys in the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, for specified purposes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning volunteer emergency responders.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 126 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/126 new)

7 Sec. 126. Volunteer Emergency Responder Appreciation Day.  
8 The third Thursday in May of each year is designated Volunteer  
9 Emergency Responder Appreciation Day in Illinois. Volunteer  
10 firefighters, rescue squads, divers, emergency medical  
11 technicians, and response teams sacrifice their time and lives  
12 for their communities with little or no compensation. Volunteer  
13 Emergency Responder Appreciation Day shall be observed  
14 throughout the State by the citizens of Illinois with civic  
15 remembrances of the sacrifices made on their behalf by the  
16 volunteer emergency responders of Illinois, especially the  
17 ultimate sacrifice given by those individuals who have lost  
18 their lives in the line of duty.

19 Section 10. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act is  
20 amended by adding Section 17.2 as follows:

21 (20 ILCS 3305/17.2 new)

1       Sec. 17.2. Illinois Terrorism Task Force; Volunteer  
2 Emergency Responder Fund.

3       (a) The Illinois Terrorism Task Force, as created by  
4 Executive Order 2003-17, shall have the following additional  
5 duties:

6           (i) provide a communication center where emergency  
7 responders (both volunteer and professional) can join  
8 together to discuss issues facing responders throughout  
9 this State;

10          (ii) assist in the organization of responders  
11 throughout this State;

12          (iii) organize, share, and coordinate resources for  
13 terrorism and emergency response throughout this State;

14 and

15          (iv) manage and distribute funds in the Volunteer  
16 Emergency Responder Fund.

17       (d) The Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund is created as a  
18 special fund in the State treasury. All money in the Volunteer  
19 Emergency Responder Fund shall be paid, subject to  
20 appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the  
21 Illinois Terrorism Task Force, to be used for the following  
22 purposes:

23           (i) to purchase emergency response equipment on behalf  
24 of a volunteer emergency response provider that  
25 demonstrates need;

26           (ii) to hold an annual appreciation, memorial, and

1 commemoration ceremony and other related activities; and  
2 (iii) to provide scholarships for undergraduate study,  
3 graduate study, or both to the children and spouses of  
4 volunteer emergency responders who have been killed in the  
5 line of duty.

6 Section 15. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
7 Section 5.811 as follows:

8 (30 ILCS 105/5.811 new)

9 Sec. 5.811. The Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund.

10 Section 20. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
11 Section 3-699 as follows:

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-699 new)

13 Sec. 3-699. Illinois volunteer emergency responder license  
14 plates.

15 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
16 the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special  
17 registration plates designated as Illinois volunteer emergency  
18 responder license plates. The special plates issued under this  
19 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the  
20 first division and motor vehicles of the second division  
21 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this  
22 Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure

1 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

2 (b) The design and color of the plates is wholly within the  
3 discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary may allow the plates  
4 to be issued as vanity plates or personalized under Section  
5 3-405.1 of the Code. The Secretary shall prescribe stickers or  
6 decals as provided under Section 3-412 of this Code.

7 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a  
8 \$25 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate  
9 registration fee. Of this fee, \$10 shall be deposited into the  
10 Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund and \$15 shall be deposited  
11 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund, to be  
12 used by the Secretary to help defray administrative processing  
13 costs.

14 For each registration renewal period, a \$16 fee, in  
15 addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged.  
16 Of this fee, \$14 shall be deposited into the Volunteer  
17 Emergency Responder Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the  
18 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

19 (d) Moneys in the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund shall  
20 be distributed in accordance with Section 17.2 of the Illinois  
21 Emergency Management Agency Act.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.